

RISON IMPRISONED ON MUDDIED QUAD

Declares He and Wife Quar- reled Before She Was Slain.

Formally charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Regina Knell Rison, at 317 Pennsylvania avenue early yesterday morning, James T. Rison, Baltimore and Ohio railroad employee, this afternoon was taken to the District of Columbia hotel where the body of his case will be investigated by a grand jury when that body reconvenes in the fall.

Brothers Arrive. Two brothers of Rison came here from Baltimore yesterday afternoon in response to a message from the prisoner telling of his plight, and stating that he was being forced to defend the interests of the alleged slayer.

Several times yesterday the police made efforts to question the prisoners who finally consented to respond to their questioning. His story to Detectives Wilson and Emanuel of the police department was that he had scratched his face with some instrument. What transpired after that he said, he did not know and could not say.

Rison told of his wife going to Baltimore Wednesday morning to see her relatives, as had been her custom since she came to the city a few months ago, and said he went home from work that afternoon, dressed in a suit, and to the station to meet her on her return.

Declares They Quarreled

His wife, he said, accused him of not working all day long, and from that time until the night of the murder, he added, they had several slight quarrels. Early in the morning, he said, his wife struck him with something; he was unable to say what it was, but after that his recollection failed him.

Asked if he remembered handing a pair of pants to his wife, he said he was telling him he had struck his wife with what she had struck him with, and that he was not sure of the narrative.

Det. Robert E. Martin, deputy coroner, and Dr. D. W. Prentiss told the jury of the autopsy. It was explained that the bones of the skull were missing, and these missing pieces were produced by the pre-mortem investigation. A .38 Smith & Wesson revolver, hatchet and other instruments taken from the room at 317 Penna. street, where the second murder was exhibited.

Other testimony was given by the coroner and Dr. Prentiss to reach the conclusion that Rison was the slayer of his wife, and that the hatchet was reported. Mrs. Rison's body will be taken to Baltimore for interment.

DOUBT AMERICANS ARE FREED BY REDS

Relief Officials Place But Little Faith in Reports Concerning Prisoners.

The word we received yesterday was that a Latvian newspaper report forwarded by our representative in Riga," said the secretary to Walter L. Brown, European director of the relief administration, this morning. "The report says that the Russians over every possible exit the Americans might take from Russia, announce save Mrs. Marguerita Harrison has as yet come through."

"That the Latvian report of their release must be a product of the bolshevik propaganda organization."

LEAVE FOR FRONTIER.

Red Cross Detachment to Care for Outcoming Americans.

By the Associated Press.

RIGA, August 4.—A detachment of the American Red Cross left here today for the Russian frontier station of Relya, equipped to care for the outcoming American prisoners, although no official advices have yet been received as to when the prisoners will arrive at that point.

The Lithuanian government also is preparing to assist the American prisoners, and has arranged to place com-

modious quarters at the disposal of Walter L. Brown and the other American relief administration officials for their conference with the soviet representatives regarding conditions of American relief in the Russian famine districts.

DENIES GREAT DISORDERS.

Russ Foreign Minister Explains Russian Conditions.

By the Associated Press.

RUSSIA, August 4.— Rumors of great

disorders in Russia owing to the migration of peasants from the famine-stricken regions are denied in a note issued by M. Chitcherin, the Soviet minister of foreign affairs. In the note M. Chitcherin gives thanks for offers of aid, and says he is fully and state the exact needs in Russia, as far as is possible. He says he is pleased that the European and American press is full of sensational reports of disorders in Russia, but that in fact there is a great migration from the famine-stricken, but controlled by the government, and that there are no important disorders. He says that in places at 10,000,000 the number of inhabitants of the regions to which the crop failure is due is 10,000,000. He says that the regions of Astrakhan, Tsaritsyn, Saratov, the German Volga, Commune, Samara, Simbirsk, and the Volga and Ural territories and some districts of Ufa and Viatska. In these regions, he says, the crops are either not destroyed or will yield only from

to 12 per cent of normal. To feed the people on half rations for 100 million people would require 100 million bushels of grain. It is necessary to prevent a repetition of the famine next year will aggregate 15,000,000 bushels.

The note states in the note that a Russian, regardless of politics, is aiding in famine relief. The note requests foreign governments to place no difficulties in the way of the collection of grain for famine relief. The organization, and also to permit the free movement of delegates of the Russian famine commission.

A Moscow dispatch, quoting the Russian Foreign Affairs minister, headquarters of the Russian famine relief commission, stated that the Russian famine commission is now working on a plan to collect grain for famine relief.

INJURED BY ROAD SCRAPER
Special Dispatch to The Star.
WARRENTON, August 5.—Maurice T. Schwab was driving a road scraper drawn by six horses, and as he was trying to guide it out of the ditch the scraper struck a set-fast rock, throwing Schwab in the road, where the scraper ran over him. He was badly cut and bruised, but not seriously injured.
It is thought the rock, lifting the blades at one side, saved his life.

